

REMARKS:

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of November 3, 2004 and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

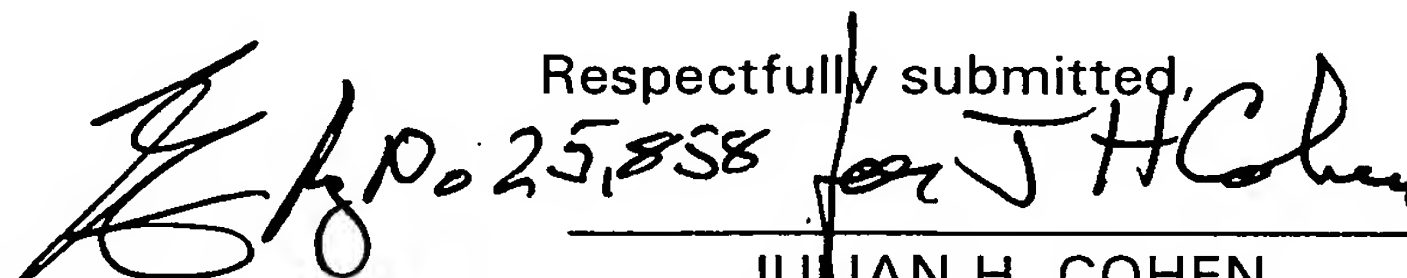
Claims 1-16 and 24-30 have been rejected on cited art.

Claims 17-23 are objected to but would be allowable if written in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter from allowable claim 17 along with the subject matter of intervening claim 12. Thereby, claim 1 is deemed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 3-5, 12, 17, and 24-30 have been canceled. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to depend from claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance along with the claims dependent therefrom.

Early dispatch of the Notice of Allowance would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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